

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 21

2 INTRODUCED BY F. SMITH

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DESIGNATING WOLF POINT, MONTANA, AS THE SITE OF THE
5 MONTANA COWBOY HALL OF FAME AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IDENTIFY IT AS SUCH ON OFFICIAL STATE MAPS."

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8 WHEREAS, Wolf Point has the oldest continually held rodeo in Montana; and

9 WHEREAS, Montana Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) yearend winners and Montana
10 PRCA Circuit Finals contestants have chosen the Wolf Point Wild Horse Stampede Committee 12 times in the
11 last 13 years as the Montana Pro Rodeo Committee of the Year; and

12 WHEREAS, Wolf Point is home of rodeo legend stock contractor, Marvin Brookman, who is currently
13 the oldest active PRCA cardholder in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, according to local history that is provided in Marvin Presser's book Wolf Point: A City of
15 Destiny, it was during the midteens of the 1900s that "local Cowboys and Indians would hold an impromptu
16 gathering and stage a little afternoon rodeo on the downtown dirt streets on a summer afternoon"; and

17 WHEREAS, Wolf Point is located on the stretch of U.S. Highway 2, a coast-to-coast artery of the United
18 States, that was originally part of the Theodore Roosevelt International Highway when it was first constructed
19 in 1919; and

20 WHEREAS, local history reflects traditions of the Indian horsemen, along with some of the largest cattle
21 and horse ranches in Montana; and

22 WHEREAS, Wolf Point is the birthplace of renowned Hollywood movie star, trick-rope performer, and
23 American cowboy hero Montie Montana; and

24 WHEREAS, the hall of fame would be housed in conjunction with a museum facility currently in
25 development along U.S. Highway 2 in Wolf Point.

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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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29 **NEW SECTION. Section 1. Montana cowboy hall of fame -- Wolf Point.** (1) The city of Wolf Point
30 is designated as the site of the Montana cowboy hall of fame.

